

OVERDOSE RESPONSE CHECKLIST

Law Enforcement

WHY DO I NEED A CHECKLIST AFTER I RECEIVE A NOTIFICATION?

- Use this checklist as a guide after you receive notification of an overdose spike in your area.
- You may wish to adapt this checklist to your specific organization or situation.
- Many of the resources and education materials you may need can be found at: <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/pharmacy/overdose-response.html>.

WHO SHOULD I COMMUNICATE THIS INFORMATION TO?

- Distribute the information you have received from ADPH regarding overdoses in the area to all officers, including parole officers and any officers who work in corrections. Also alert any school resource officers.
- Increasing knowledge and understanding reduces the potential for overdoses in the future.
- Make any other treatment organizations or support groups aware of the potential for ongoing overdoses in your area.
- Use provided information from ADPH or send a link to the ADPH overdose response website: <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/pharmacy/overdose-response.html>

WHAT EDUCATION SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN MY AREA/ORGANIZATION?

- Remind staff and clients of resources available, including information about access to naloxone.
- Review Good Samaritan information with all personnel.
- Remind healthcare professionals, EMTs, and collaborating agencies of treatment options in the community for those who have experienced an overdose.
- Check all available naloxone to ensure that it is in date.
- Encourage use of medication disposal sites in your community. Information about safe disposal can be found at: <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/pharmacy/overdose-response.html>
- Review information regarding signs and symptoms of overdose for substance in most recent events with staff.
- This document reviews the steps for response to an overdose, including administration of naloxone and safety considerations for first responders: <https://store.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/d7/priv/five-essential-steps-for-first-responders.pdf>.
- Also, review symptoms of use disorder related to the substance in most recent events.